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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, in reply to the last question, I said five cases were in respect of religious feelings, I have as many as fourteen cases in which action has been taken for objectionable speeches.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : May I know the names of the individuals against whom the cases were launched?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, it is not in the public interest to give the names but I can give the nature of the offences committed for which action was taken. They are largely inciting class hatred and inducing people to break laws.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : May I know, Sir, whether all these people were convicted in all these cases where prosecutions were launched by the Government or acquitted.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : In one case a fine of hundred rupees was levied, in another, hundred, in another case four hundred, in still another two hundred, in a fifth case hundred and in the sixth twenty-five. I think there are a large number of cases like that. But whether a person is convicted or acquitted depends upon the facts of the case.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : I know, Sir. But I want to know whether it is a fact that these people indulge in the repetition of the very acts for which they have been convicted. Have such instances been brought to the notice of the Government?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : If they did, they will be again prosecuted and again convicted.

* 11 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether officers of the C.I.D are deputed to cover the speeches made at public meetings held by all political parties ; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) *and* (*b*) It is not in public interest to answer the question.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, எல்லா அரசியல் கட்சிகளும் மேடையில் பேசுகின்ற எல்லாக் கருத்துக்களையும் துப்பறியும் இலாகாவினர் அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரிவிக்கிறார்களா? சில கட்சிகளைப்பற்றி மட்டுமே தெரிவிக்கின்றார்களா? ஆளும் கட்சியைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் எதைப்பற்றிப் பேசினாலும் அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரிவிக்கப்படுவதில்லையல்லவா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இதற்கு முன்னாலேயே பதில் சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். எந்தக் கட்சிக்காரர்கள் என்ற கவலையில்லை, யார் அராஜகத்தைத் தூண்டினாலும் அவர்கள் மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுப்போமென்று.